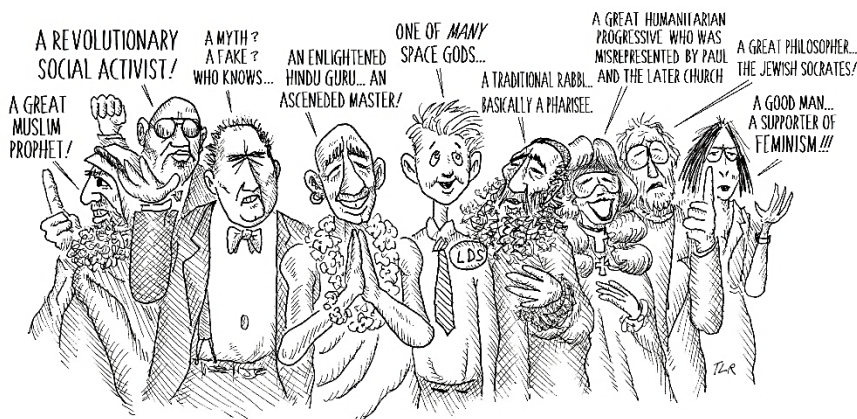


# It's about CHRIST

Studies in the EE Method  
of Personal Evangelism

“Who do men say that the Son of man is?”



“Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins.”

—John 8:24 (KJ3)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, AD 2024

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Day of July, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



## Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exciting and illuminating studies in Church History, looking at historic debates over the nature of God.

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* *"O, How I Love Jesus"* (#281; Chorus only).

Invocation.\*

Hymn: *"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"* (#234).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: **John 14:1-9**

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"I'd Rather Have Jesus"* (#237).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"My Savior's Love"* (#256).

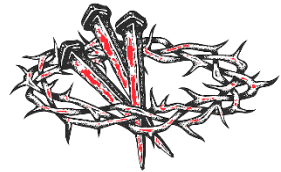
Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES"* (Pt. VI: On Christ).

Closing Hymn:\* *"Calvary Covers it All"* (#232; v. 1).

Benediction.\*



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### Week of June 30–July 6

Sunday School—4; Morning Worship—12;

Midweek—No Service; Offering—\$405.<sup>00</sup>;

*"Be Prepared"* Video—Total: 93 views

NO MIDWEEK PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY this week.

## The *Evangelism Explosion* method of sharing the Gospel: This Week's Focus: **"It's about CHRIST!"**

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### Recap of our prior studies:

- 1) Salvation is a matter of **GRACE**; it cannot be earned (Eph. 2:8-9).  
(Recall the Hitchhiker's Thumb in the "Gospel Hand"—a FREE RIDE!)
- 2) **WHY?** Because all men are **SINNERS!** (Rm.3:10,23; Isa.53:6, 64:6).  
(Recall the pointing, accusing Index Finger!)
- 3) **GOD is HOLY** (Isa. 6:3)—but in **LOVE**, offers a **WAY** (John 3:16)! (Recall the tall, central Middle Finger!)



### **THIS WEEK'S FOCUS: "IT'S ABOUT CHRIST!"**

In our "Gospel Hand" memory-aid, the RING FINGER reminds us of JESUS CHRIST, the Beloved Bridegroom!

### Two things that NEED to be communicated about Christ...

- 1) WHO He is, and 2) WHAT He did!

I. WHO HE IS. He is the infinite **GOD-MAN** (God Incarnate)!  
[NOTE how **central & essential** the matter of **Christ's identity** really is: Matt. 16:13-17, John 8:24].

a. He is the **one true God** (John 1:1, 8:58, 10:30, 20:28).

[NOTE how the term "Son of God" is defined: John 5:18].

b. He is the **Almighty Creator** (John 1:3, Heb. 1:2) and **Sustainer** (Col.1:17, Heb.1:3) of the entire Universe. He does **Divine things!**

c. He is **God come in Human Flesh** (Mtt.1:23, Col.2:9, Mic.5:2, Jn. 1:14). He is true God and true Humanity joined in one Person.

II. WHAT HE DID. He died on the cross and rose from the dead to **pay the penalty for our sins** as our **substitute** in order to purchase a place in heaven for us—which He now offers as a free gift (Isa. 53:6; 1Pet. 2:24, 3:18)!

**KEY IDEA:** The concepts of VICARIOUS SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT & PENAL SUSTITUTION are central: Jesus took OUR penalty, took OUR place, and suffered for OUR sins! He satisfied the demands of God's holy justice and appeased His holy WRATH! **ISAIAH 53!**

**JESUS paid our infinite SIN DEBT in FULL (John 19:30)!**

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>>"**BUT... HOW do the Benefits of Christ's atoning sacrifice become OURS?"<<**

**Next week's focus: "BY FAITH!"**

**THIS WEEK is our VBS!!!** Please pray for the staff at **CEF**, for our volunteers, and for our young people. Our daily program will be held **July 8-to-12**, from **12:30-to-2:00 PM**. Our great theme is **“ONE WAY!”** We welcome all kids from Pre-K thru elementary.



## *On the Bookshelf*

In the vestibule are a few books related to our topic of evangelism.

1. The official ***Evangelism Explosion Manual*** by the late Dr. D. James Kennedy is an extensive guide to sharing the Gospel, filled with all manner of good counsel in personal witnessing.
2. ***The Billy Graham Christian Worker's Handbook*** is likewise informative in this regard, and containing counseling material.
3. ***Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God***, written by the respected theologian J.I. Packer, deals with the relationship between Divine predestination and human activity. The Bible strongly affirms the doctrines of **Total Depravity** (i.e., Natural Man is spiritually DEAD! Eph. 2:1, Rom. 3:11), **Unconditional Election** (i.e., a sovereign God *chose* the Elect before the foundation of the world, and did *not* do so based upon anything he foresaw within them—including their *faith*; Rom. 8:29, 9:11; Eph. 1:4, 5, 11), **Efficacious Grace** (i.e., God WILL successfully draw the Elect to saving knowledge of Christ; John 6:37, 44), and **Final Perseverance** (i.e., the Elect WILL be glorified and their salvation WILL be consummated; John 10:28-29; Rom. 8:29-30). And YET, the Bible also commands us to **share the Gospel**, and STRONGLY affirms that evangelism is *the* appointed MEANS through which God's eternal plan is ultimately realized!

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Our thanks to the Galion GBC for their live coverage of the CGBCI National Conference at Grand Rapids. This footage can be viewed on their Facebook page, and I have shared some of this material (e.g., the Africa presentation) to our Valley GBC page!